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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

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Please rewrite claims 8 and 10 as follows:

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8. (Twice Amended) A piezoelectric/electrostrictive device comprising:
- at least one actuator section including a piezoelectric/electrostrictive element secured onto thin plate sections made of metal with an adhesive intervening therebetween, said at least one actuator section comprising a multilayered member including at least three or more actuator films each comprising a piezoelectric/electrostrictive layer and electrode films, wherein
- one or more holes or recesses are formed in at least a portion of said thin plate sections on which said piezoelectric/electrostrictive element is formed, said one or more holes